

Starkville CAS Session

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1. What TVA related issues are of special concern in your area or town?

Water quality and land conservation.

Land conservation

Perceived shift from public service to pure operations

Issues of special concern to me include land use, recreation and flood control.

Generation of electricity at a reasonable rate. Also maintaining the river system and not giving this to another department of the government to be broken into separate divisions.

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Reliable, affordable power rates. I am also interested in TVA having a level playing field with investor owned utilities. The river system is very important to TVA but I think the government should appropriate some funds for operation of the flood control and navigational aspects of operations of the river

Recreation, environmental protection

TVA should continue to work to provide electricity at as reasonably priced as possible, always keeping in mind important issues such as flood control, the environment, and water supply.

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2. Why are these issues of special concern to you?

Outdoor recreation of all types is an important part of many Mississippian's lives.

We have to take care of the environment; if we abuse it then there will be nothing left for future generations. We not only hurt the forestry and waterways, we hurt the inhabitants (animals, insects, etc) that are vital to the system.

Grassroots and our customer base are our major strength

As a life-long outdoorsman in avocation and the screenwriter for Mossy Oak Productions in West Point, Miss., these issues are of special concern to me in both my personal and professional lives. These three, more than any other, exert a direct impact on my life.

I am a consumer of TVA's electric power. I have a concern if the river system is separated, the true meaning of TVA's purpose will be lost. Each individual special interest group as you travel down the river will not look any further than their particular interest.

The political climate in Mississippi has not always been as favorable as it is now, and TVA decision makers need to be aware of the political ramifications from unexplained TVA activities. Many people in Mississippi do not consider themselves to be a part of the Tennessee Valley.

I am a ratepayer, therefore very interested in the price of power and the reliability of that power. I am concerned about the level playing field because of political maneuvering that could hurt TVA's position in the power production market. ENRON is an example of what goes wrong when political influence is so much on the market

To keep our world safe and a fun place for our kids to grow up

It is obvious why issues such as affordable electricity, water supply and flood control are important.

3. How could TVA improve its management of the TN River system?

Be aware of the public and its opinions. Fully research the effects of projects before and after

Continue involvement of citizen group and look for ways to involve the pd in ongoing operations--- gives opportunity to educate the vast majority of real benefits

I find all of the Tennessee Valley Authority's river management practices with which I am familiar to be totally satisfactory. If there are areas in need of improvement, I am not familiar with them.

Continue to look at the BIG picture. Do not look at only one sector. Economic development of sites along the river should not change the natural aspect.

Listen to all concerns. Be prepared to change the mode of operation if it is feasible.

I think they do a good job

Flood control

Continue to stress this with TVA staff and use of new technologies.

4. What alternatives should TVA consider in managing the TN River system?

Work from the ground up----critical success factors is first.

Considering the fact I find all of TVA's current practices to be satisfactory, I would suggest TVA's river management division use its own best judgment when considering alternatives. It's evidently worked well so far.

Try some of the suggestions from qualified individuals who say that the water levels can be adjusted, not changing the levels just because there is a "set" date to do so.

Asking for financial help from government with out restrictions on the current managing philosophy

Safety

Unsure what this question means.

5. What quality of life issues need to be addressed in your area or town?

Recreation, flooding and erosion

Water supply--both for human consumption as well as industrial development

Typical issues involving typical small-town red tape; street paving, curbside recycling, the usual. The unemployment rate here is quite low and, historically, has been. Our quality of life is approximately what one would expect to find in quintessential small-town Mississippi, or in any Southeastern Conference college town as well.

Since most people in this area do not realize the actual part the river plays in their daily life, I believe public education is a key for this area. The quality of life is dependent on growth and the TennTom could be better utilized so far as commercial growth.

Water quality and voltage problems with the electric system

We are too far from the Tennessee River to use the recreational opportunities very often, but we do get benefit from the commercial traffic on the Tenn-Tombigbee

Better local facilities

The environment, dependable and affordable electricity, flood control, water supply.

6. What do you value most about the TN River system and TVA reservoirs?

I enjoy the recreational benefits that they offer.

The integrated approach that maximizes the benefits to the entire valley

Personally, I enjoy considerable recreational benefit from the Tennessee/Tombigbee Waterway system, as well as from the areas of public land (which fall under the jurisdiction of the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers) that surrounds it.

I value the dedication to the public good. This includes keeping the river growth along the river and remembering the purpose of TVA from the beginning.

Electric generation

Great natural resource of water, recreation and electrical generation

The efficiency of generating electricity

The way that it has been managed to date.

7. What do you see as threats to the TN River system and TVA reservoirs?

If emphasis is switched from hydroelectric production to other methods such as coal or nuclear energy, what will happen to waters controlled by TVA?

Pollution and regulation of area plants and factories

Organizations and special interest groups that are outside the valley. Apathy by valley residents over development in the name of economic development along the river state-to-state competition for water control

Transference of the system's management to the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers would pose a considerable threat. Much like the prospect of electric deregulation being inflicted upon the Valley, while negative consequences may not be solidly guaranteed, why incur the risk when no possible benefit could result?

Changing the control of the river. Giving the river operations to another department within the government.

Environmentalists and politicians who do not understand how the system operates

Too many environmental controls

Natural disasters, human error

Growing population, pollution, mismanagement, unenforcement of environmental laws

8. *What do you like about how TVA manages the TN River system & reservoirs?*

I believe TVA does an outstanding job of land conservation and use.

Integrated approach for the entire river system

The floodwaters are throttled, recreational opportunities are created, commercial navigation is facilitated, and the lights in the Valley stay on.

I like that each area is given consideration. TVA looks at more than just the economic growth. TVA looks at what changes will do to the river- the fish- in the river and gives us a way to cook the fish for a better quality of life.

It is an integrated system; work in partnership with the Corps of Engineers

It seems to have a good balance. I think the low turnout tonight is a statement of public approval as much as it is public apathy

Their concern with the environment

It appears that they take this very seriously.

9. *Which public benefit do you believe is TVA's highest mgmt. priority?*

List (By Total Chosen)

Total

1. Electricity Production	5
2. Protecting the Natural Environment	2
3. Water Supply	1

4. Providing Recreation	0
5. Flood Control	0
6. Commercial Navigation	0

10. What public benefits are NOT on the list above, but should be?

Research

None, of which I'm aware.

Economic growth to the Valley

Erosion control

Not sure

11. Which public benefit SHOULD BE the highest mgmt. priority for TVA?

List (By Total Chosen)	Total
1. Electricity Production	5
2. Protecting the Natural Environment	3
3. Providing Recreation	0
4. Flood Control	0
5. Water Supply	0
6. Commercial Navigation	0

12. Which public benefit should be the SECOND HIGHEST mgmt. priority?

List (By Total Chosen)	Total
1. Water Supply	4
2. Flood Control	3
3. Electricity Production	1
4. Protecting the Natural Environment	0
5. Providing Recreation	0
6. Commercial Navigation	0

13. Which public benefit should be the LOWEST mgmt. priority?

List (By Total Chosen)	Total
1. Providing Recreation	6
2. Commercial Navigation	1
3. Protecting the Natural Environment	0
4. Electricity Production	0
5. Flood Control	0
6. Water Supply	0

14. Likelihood that population in your area will grow considerably?

List (By Total Chosen)	Total
1. Very Likely	6
2. Somewhat Likely	3
3. Neutral	0
4. Somewhat Unlikely	0
5. Very Unlikely	0

15. Desirability of population in your area growing considerably?

List (By Total Chosen)	Total
1. Desirable	6
2. Neutral	2
3. Very Desirable	1
4. Undesirable	0
5. Very Undesirable	0

16. Likelihood that growth will be in cities; undeveloped areas unchanged?

List (By Total Chosen)	Total
1. Somewhat Likely	6
2. Somewhat Unlikely	2
3. Neutral	1
4. Very Likely	0
5. Very Unlikely	0

17. Desirability that growth will be in cities; undeveloped areas unchanged?

List (By Total Chosen)	Total
1. Desirable	3
2. Very Desirable	2
3. Neutral	2
4. Undesirable	2
5. Very Undesirable	0

18. What is the likelihood that your area will have more jobs?

List (By Total Chosen)	Total
1. Somewhat Likely	6

2. Very Likely	3
3. Neutral	0
4. Somewhat Unlikely	0
5. Very Unlikely	0

19. What is the desirability of your area having more jobs?

List (By Total Chosen)	Total
1. Very Desirable	8
2. Desirable	1
3. Neutral	0
4. Undesirable	0
5. Very Undesirable	0

20. Likelihood there will be stronger regulations to protect the environment?

List (By Total Chosen)	Total
1. Somewhat Likely	4
2. Somewhat Unlikely	3
3. Very Likely	2
4. Neutral	0
5. Very Unlikely	0

21. Desirability of stronger regulations to protect the environment?

List (By Total Chosen)	Total
1. Desirable	3
2. Undesirable	3
3. Very Desirable	2
4. Neutral	1
5. Very Undesirable	0

22. Pick 6 items that represent the MOST important value of the TVA system?

List (By Total Chosen)	Total
1. Clean Water	4
2. Affordable Electricity	3
3. Flood Control	1
4. Drinking Water Supply	1
5. Dam Safety	0
6. Economic Development	0
7. Commercial Waterway For Shipping Cargo	0
8. Wildlife and Fish Habitat Enhancement	0

9. Environmental Research	0
10. Planning for Future Growth	0
11. Campgrounds and Green Space	0
12. Water-based Recreation	0
13. Protection of Historical Artifacts	0
14. Shoreline Erosion Control	0
15. Public Land Conservation	0
16. Shore land Development	0
17. Scenic Beauty	0

23. Pick 6 items that represent the LEAST important value of the TVA system?

List (By Total Chosen)	Total
1. Scenic Beauty	3
2. Dam Safety	1
3. Environmental Research	1
4. Water-based Recreation	1
5. Protection of Historical Artifacts	1
6. Shoreline Erosion Control	1
7. Shore land Development	1
8. Clean Water	0
9. Flood Control	0
10. Economic Development	0
11. Drinking Water Supply	0
12. Affordable Electricity	0
13. Commercial Waterway For Shipping Cargo	0
14. Wildlife and Fish Habitat Enhancement	0
15. Planning for Future Growth	0
16. Campgrounds and Green Space	0
17. Public Land Conservation	0

24. Please enter the county or counties each of you live in.

County	Total
Oktibbeha County	7
Clay County	1

25. Please list your ZIP CODE (S) (you do not have to enter your addresses)

Zip Code	Total
39759	8
39773	1

26. Which State(s) do you (or each of you) live in?

List (By Total Chosen)	Total
1. Mississippi	9
2. Alabama	0
3. Georgia	0
4. Kentucky	0
5. North Carolina	0
6. Tennessee	0
7. Virginia	0
8. Other	0

27. I believe TVA will consider my input in this planning process?

True: 100%
False: 0%